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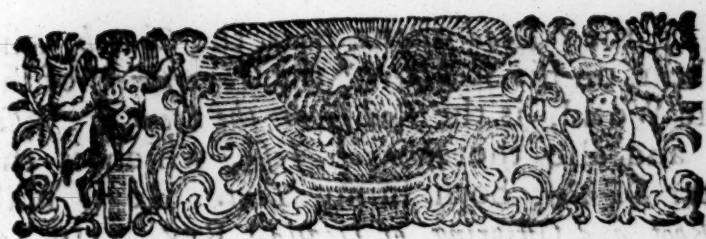
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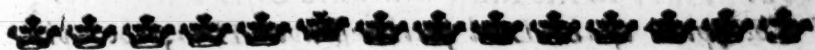
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CHRIST *standing*  
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Isaiah xi. 10.

*And in that Day there shall be a Root of Jesse, which shall stand for an Ensign of the People; to it shall the Gentiles seek, and his Rest shall be glorious.*



THE whole Chapter is a most noble and illustrious Prophecy of the wise and peaceful, victorious and triumphant *Reign* of the *Messiah*. It is the Person of JESUS, the Son of David, the Son of Jesse, in the Offices and Benefits of our Lord Redeemer, that is here *displayed* under the Similitude of an *Ensign*, Standard and Banner, unto them that *fear* him and because of the *Truth*.

He,

HE, the \* *Head of the Body, the Church*, who also bears on his *Shoulders* \* the *Government of the whole World*, is the *Rod from the Stem of Jesse*, v. 1. and also the *Root of Jesse*, which is the greater *Dignity*, born in my *Text*. He is both the *Root and Offspring of David*: Rev. xxii. 16. In his *Divine Nature the Root*, in his *Humane the Branch or Offspring*; *Immanuel, God with us*; "in two distinct *Natures and one Person for ever*."

In the second *Verse* of the *Chapter* his *Glory* is display'd as the *ANOINTED*; anointed with the *HOLY SPIRIT* in his immeasurable *Gifts and Graces*; "The *Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the Spirit of Counsel and Might, the Spirit of Knowledge and of the Fear of the Lord*; and shall make Him of quick *Understanding*" therein, — which is the highest *Accomplishment* of every *Prince, or Commander in Chief or Subordinate*; for then "*Righteousness will be the Girdle of their Loyns, and Peace the Blessing of their Rule and Command*; which is the *Abstract* of my *Context*."

You see then, my *Fathers and Brethren, Fellow-Soldiers* under the *one Ensign and Standard of CHRIST*, Whom we *Gentiles* are to be looking, seeking and gathering unto; that *his Rest* may be glorious in *us* as a part of his *Church*, and *ours* in *Him*, whose *Banner over us is Love*. Cant. ii. 4. You see your *King and General, the Captain of your Salvation*, and are now in his *Presence*, to behold

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\* The two *Subjects* of the public *Sermons*, preached the *Week before*, to the *Convention of Ministers* by the *Rev. Mr. Barnard*, and to the *General Court* by *Mr. Webb*.

his *Glory*, to hear his *Word* of Command, and to seek his Favour and Protection. The *Armies of Heaven follow Him*, and *bleſs Him* all ye his *Hoſts*, ye *Minifters* of his that do his Pleaſure; with all his *Works*, in all Places of his *Dominion*; bleſs the LORD O our *Souls* †!

Could I poſſibly bring You, our Honoured Commanders, a more charming or more awful Sight of our LORD and of his Church; to conſtrain your Duty to Him and his People! Look only with his Eyes upon the Part of his Church put under your Watch and Protection, and you will be conſtrained to take up his Words of Transport and Rapture; Cant. vi. 4, 10, 13. "Thou art beautiful, "O my Love, as Tirzah; comely as Jeruſalem, "terrible as an Army with Banners! turn away "thine Eyes from me, for they have overcome "me! — Who is She that looketh forth as the "Morning, fair as the Moon, clear as the Sun, and "terrible as an Army with Banners? — Or ever "I was aware, my Soul made me like the Chariots of Ammi-nadib. Return, return, O Shulamite, that we may look upon thee! What will ye ſee in the Shulamite? as it were the Company of two Armies: Mahanaim; the two Hoſts of Angels guarding the Church in Jacob's Houſe; or rather Jews and Gentiles united under the Banner of Chriſt, a Viſion but little lower than that of Angels.

Forgive me this Excursion in the beginning of my Diſcourſe, my Reverend Hearers; and You Gentlemen in Arms, who have on a ſudden preſſ'd

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† Rev. xix. 14. Pſalm ciii. 20, 21, 22.



me to speak my last to you, when others have fail'd you.

It is now almost *forty Years* ago that I spake to your *Fathers* in this *Place*, and on this *Solemnity*; and I then led 'em to *JESUS*; to the *Faith* in Him, whereby the heroic *Saints* of old Time *subdued Kingdoms* ||, wro't *Righteousness*, obtained *Promises*, out of *Weakness* were made *Strong*, waxed *valiant in Fight*, and turned to *Flight* the *Armies of the Aliens*. It is the *Will of Christ*, my *Brethren*, that *They* without *Us* should not be made *perfect*; and therefore I would now *finish* as I *began*, and lead you again to your *standing Colours*, *CHRIST* your *Ensign*; (the *Alpha* and *Omega*, the *Beginning* and the *Ending*, the *first and the last*; which *is*, and which *was*, and which *is to come*, the *Almighty*! the *same yesterday, to Day and for ever*;) And I doubt not but you will gladly be led again and again to *Him*, the glorious *Object* of your *saving Faith*, the *Author* and the *Finisher* thereof.

Now then, my *Brethren*, To your *Leader and Standard*! to your *Ensign and Banner*! to your *Lord and Saviour*, to whom the *Apostle* (after *David* \* and *Isaiab*) directs your *Hearts and Eyes*, repeating my *Text*, *Rom. xv. 10, 11, 12. Rejoyce ye Gentiles with his People! praise the Lord ye Gentiles, and laud him all ye People! as Esaias saith,* "There shall be a *Root of Jesse*, and He shall rise to reign over the *Gentiles*, in Him shall the *Gentiles* trust."

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|| Heb. xi. 33. Anno 1702. *Primitia Juventutis, et Senectutis Fructus*. Psalm lxxi. 17, 18. xcii. 14, 15. \* Psalm xx and xxi.



See then your present pleasurable *Work*, my happy *Hearers*! it is to contemplate your SAVIOUR under *this* Similitude and *Comparison*, the ENSIGN for your *Souls* to gather to.

It is no empty *Flourish* you are invited to! it is JESUS in his saving *Offices* and *Benefits* you are come forth to see! “ *behold Him, behold Him! red in his Apparel, with died Garments from Boz-rab! travelling in the Greatness of his Strength! speaking in Righteousness and mighty to save!* “ Look to *Him* and be *saved*, all the *Ends* of the Earth †!

I. He is the *Ensign* and *Standard* set up from *Everlasting*, in the eternal Counsel and Decree of God; from the *Beginning* or ever the *Earth* was; the FATHERS everlasting *Delight* and *rejoycing* in the *habitable Parts* of the *Earth*; these *Parts* of it, which He then saw and ordained to be inhabited by our *Fathers*. Prov. viii. 23, 31.

And this royal *Standard* of Heaven was first displayed on *Earth*, to the Confusion of *Devils* and the everlasting Wonder and Praises of *Angels* and *Men*, in that glorious Revelation and *Promise* to our first *Parents*, Gen. iii. 15. “ A SEED of the *Woman* to break the *Serpents Head*, with his bruised *Heel*.

Heaven then held out the *Flag* of sovereign *Grace*, with these *Words* written on it; this *Figure* drawn thereon, “ A *Serpent* peircing the *Heel* of a *Godlike Man*, but his *Head* crush'd by it. The

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† Isaiah lxiii. 1, 2. xlv. 22.

*Standard* bore the *Image* of God's dear Son, in our Nature, treading the *Dragon*, the *Devil* and *Satan*, into *Hell*; from off that *Dust*, where it had *crawl'd* and rear'd its poisonous *Head*.

Indeed our *Saviour* is the *Ensign* lift up thro' the whole *written Word*, and display'd from *Sabbath* to *Sabbath*, in the preached *Gospel*. He is lifted up *on high* by *Moses* and the *Prophets*, and by the inspired *Apostles* of the *New Testament*; and after them, all the *Ministers* of Christ in all his Churches, thro' the whole Earth and to the End of Time, are *Standard-bearers*; to bear his Name and Truth, his Law and Covenant, his Promises and Threatnings, unto *all People*. We preach *Christ* crucified, buried, risen, ascended and reigning at the *Fathers* right Hand, and coming again in the Clouds of Heaven. He was *lift up* as an *Ensign* on the *Cross*, and from the *Grave* in his Resurrection, and yet more in his *Exaltation* to the right Hand of Power! *Christ* the *Power* of God and the *Wisdom* of God, and the *Righteousness* of God for us.

2. An *Ensign* is a *conspicuous* thing; to be look'd on, *seen*, *beheld* and consider'd; and such is Christ.

This is the gracious *Evangelical Phrase*, "*Looking to Jesus*" \*! the gracious *Gospel Precept*, "*behold me, behold me!*" and the gracious *constraining Promise*, "*they shall look upon Him whom they have pierced.*"

Strong is the *Eye* of Faith, and the *Hand* of Prayer, to *reach* the highest Heaven, and bring

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\* *Heb.* xii. 2. *Isai.* lxy. 1. *Zech.* xii. 10.

down *Salvation* from the exalted *Jesus*. We must look and *admire*, look and *love*, look and *ascend* to Him on the Wings of strong *Desire* and un-failing *Faith*. He has said, John xii. 32. "*And I, if I be lifted up from the Earth, will draw all Men to me. Amen, Glorious LORD!*"

From *Heaven* we also look for Him again, in *Power* and great *Glory*. The *Angels* of *Jesus* bid the *Disciples* do so in the Hour of his *Ascension*: Acts i. 11. *Ye Men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into Heaven? this same Jesus which is taken up into Heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into Heaven.*

Without Controversy great is this *Mystery of Godliness*, the *Visions of the Son of Man* as in the *Glories of the Only-begotten of the Father*: 1 Tim. iii. 16. *God was manifest in the Flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of Angels, preached to the Gentiles, believed on in the World, received up to Glory.*

3. The *Standard* is set up, and the *Ensign* display'd, for People to gather unto, and such is *Christ*. To Him shall the *Gentiles* seek; says my *Text*, and after it the *Prophet* goes on, *He shall set up an Ensign to the Nations, and gather the dispersed of Judah, and assemble the Outcasts of Israel.*

This was the *Ancient* and famous *Promise*, in the *Prophecy* concerning *Judah*, and the *Blessing* wherewith his *Father* blessed him! Gen. xlix. "The *Sceptre* shall not depart from *Judah*, nor "a *Lawgiver* from between his *Feet*, until *Shiloh* come; and unto Him shall the *Gathering* "of the *People* be.



This is the first Meaning and Use of the *Standard*, for summoning and inviting Persons to *inlist* themselves, and for the *assembling* of the *inlitted*. The *Tribes of Israel*, in their *Incampments* and *Marches thro' the Wilderness*, had each their own *Standard*, and they pitched about their own *Ensign*; Numb. ii. 2. "Every one by his own Standard, with the Ensign of their Fathers House. This made their *Camp* look *beauteous* and yet *terrible* in their *Order* and *Array* : " *How goodly were thy Tents, O Jacob ! as the Valleys were they spread forth, and as Gardens by the Rivers side : He couched, he lay down as a Lion, and who dare stir him up ?* Numb. xxiv. 5, 9.

The *Spirit of Prophecy* in after Times speaks of *this Use* of the *Ensign* ||, to call the *Nations* from far, and to *hiss* to 'em from the *Ends* of the *Earth*; to come with *speed* *swiftly*, with their *Loyns girt* ! And thus runs the *Burden of Babylon* ; " *Lift ye up the Banner upon the high Mountain, exalt the Voice to 'em, and shake the Hand, to go up to her Gates : " I have commanded my sanctified Ones, I have called my mighty Ones, &c.*

The *Gospel* is preached to the *Nations* for this very *End*, to enter them in a *War* against *Sin* and *Satan*, and for the *Defence* and *Support* of the *Kingdom of Christ*, his *Truths* and *Ways*, *People* and *Worship*. We gather to Him as our *Ensign* by our *Profession* of *Faith* in his *Name*, by our *assembling* to *Worship* from one *Lords-day* unto another, in his appointed *Ways*. Of Him the whole *Family* in *Heaven* and *Earth* are named.

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|| *Isai.* v. 16, 17. *xiii.* 1, 3.



To his one *Altar* the *Tribes* go up, to give *Thanks* to his Name, to Worship the Lord in the *Beauties of Holiness*. — So the *Tabernacle* of the Lord stood in the *midst* of the encamped *Tribes*, and marched in the midst of them. The *Cloud*, the *Glory* and *Shechinah* was their *Standard*; when that *went* they did, when that *stood* they rested round about it. *Christ* was there with his *shining Hosts* of *Angels*, their *Guard* and *Conductors*. There were their holy *Convocations*, there was the holy *Law* deposited in the sacred *Ark*, and there stood the *Altars* of *Burnt-Offering* and *Incense*: There stood the golden *Table* with the *Shew-Bread*, and there hung the golden *Candlestick*, with the burning *Lights*. All was but a *Figure* of *Christ* in the *Flesh*, enlightning the *Multitudes* in the *Mount* with his heavenly *Doctrine*, feeding them with the *Bread* of *Life*, and then offering Himself a *Sacrifice* on the *Tree*. The *Day* of *Pentecost* was the famous *Time* of the Ingathering of *Jews* and *Gentiles* together: *Christ* was the *Ensign* lifted up in the rushing *Wind*, and cloven *Tongues*, and the *Thousands* of *Converts*; the *Tongues* were for gathering in the *Nations* to him. *Acts* ii. 32. “ This *Jesus* “ hath *God* raised up, whereof we are *Witnesses*! “ therefore being by the right *Hand* of *God* ex- “ altd, and having received of the *Father* the “ Gift of the *Holy Ghost*, he hath shed abroad “ this which ye see and hear: As it is written “ by *David*, “ The Lord said unto my Lord, “ Sit *Thou* at my right *Hand* until I make thy “ Foes thy *Footstool*: Therefore let all the “ *House* of *Israel* know assuredly, that *God* hath “ made that same *Jesus*, whom ye have crucified “ both *Lord* and *Christ*.” This prick’d ’em to *Heart*, and made ’em come in; “ *Men* and *Bre-* “ *thren*, what shall we do? In all *Christ* was the *En-* “ *sign*, to gather in *Souls* to Himself.

4. The Standard and Ensign is for *Union*, for the gather'd People to *unite* under ; to unite in *Affection* and to join their *Strength* : and such is *Christ* to his Church.

There is *one Lord*, and *one Body* ; *one Faith* and *one Baptism*. All *Christians* declare themselves to be as *one*, and *bind* themselves to be so. They list in *one Cause*, and engage in *one Design*, which is *Christ*. John xi. 52. *That he should gather together in One the Children of God which are scatter'd abroad*. They gather to Him as their common Lord and General, to his *Colours* ; or if you will into *his Fold* ; for there is *one Fold* and *one Shepherd*. One is the *Head*, *Christ*, and the many *Members* are *one Body* ; animated by *one Spirit*, and having the *same Care* one of another \*. *Christ* is the *Centre of Unity* to his People ; the *Faith and Love* in Him is the *Band and Means* of it. What He ask'd of the *Father* for his *Chosen*, that his *Apostle* declares to be *granted*, and true in fact : He pray'd for them, *That they may be One, one in Us, as Thou Father art in Me and I in Thee* : This the *Apostle* affirms of true Believers, *Ye are all One in Christ Jesus*. As we read of the *Multitude* of the *first Believers*, that *they were of one Heart and of one Soul*. Acts iv. 32. So *Soldiers* are *one*, an *Army* is *one* ; and their *Unity* like the *Form of a Phalanx*, is their *Force and Strength* ; to *bear down* all before them.

5. The Standard, Ensign and *Flag* of the *King* or *State* is for the *Protection of the Subject* ; and such is *Christ* to his Church, its almighty *Protector* and

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\* Eph. iv. 5. i. 10. 1 Cor. xii. 13. x. 17. Gal. iii. 28. John x. 16. Col. i. 18. 1 Cor. xii. 25. John xvii. 21.  
Defence.

Defence. We repair to Him for *Salvation*, and nothing less; we *flee* to Him and are *safe*. He is our *King*, and shall *save* us. His Name is *Jehovah-nissi*, the *Lord our Banner*! the *Lord our Righteousness*. Write *this* on our *One Altar* and *Sacrifice*. This Name of our *God* and *Saviour* defend us! send us *Help* from his *Sanctuary*, and strengthen us out of *Sion*! we will *rejoice* in his *Salvation*, and set up our *Banners*! Some trust in *Chariots* and some in *Horses*, but we will remember the *Name of the Lord our God*! Save *Lord*, let the *King* hear us when we call! Be thou *exalted*, *Lord*, in thy *own Strength*; so will we *sing* and praise thy *Power*. Psalm xx and xxi.

*David*, the *valiant* and the *warlike Prince*, had all his *Courage* and *Conduct* inspir'd from on High; and to *God alone* he looks and ascribes, and relies in *Raptures of Faith* and *Devotion*. Psalm xviii. "I will love thee, O *Lord* my Strength; my *Rock*, my *Fortress*, my *Deliverer*! my *God*, my *Strength*, in whom I will trust; my *Buckler*, and the *Horn of my Salvation*, and my *high Tower*! I will call upon the *Lord*, who is worthy to be praised, so shall I be saved from my *Enemies*." Psal. xlv.

4. — 8 "Thou art my *King*, O *God*; command *Deliverances* for *Jacob*: thro' Thee will we push down our *Enemies*, thro' thy Name will we tread them under that rise up against us: For I will not trust in my *Bow*, nor shall my *Sword* save me: But Thou hast saved us from our *Enemies*, and hast put them to shame that hated us: In *God* we boast all the Day long, and Praise thy Name for ever." Psal. lxii. 5. — 8. "My Soul wait thou only upon *God*, for all my *Expectation* is from Him: He only



“ only is my Rock and my Salvation, He is my  
 “ Defence, I shall not be moved : In God is my  
 “ Salvation and my Glory, the Rock of my  
 “ Strength, and my Refuge is in God : Trust in  
 “ Him at all times ye People, pour out your  
 “ Hearts before Him, God is a Refuge for us. ”

Thus *David*, the Man after the *Heart* of God, the  
*Hero* of the Church ; in all his *Wars*, from his  
 first facing the Giant *Goliath*, to his putting on  
 the *Crown* of the King of *Rabbah*, dwelt ever in  
 the *Secret* of the *Most High*, and abode under the  
*Shadow* of the *Almighty*, and said of the *Lord*, “ He  
 is my *Refuge* and *Fortress* ; his *Truth* shall be my  
*Shield* and *Buckler*. *Psal.* xci. 1, 4. So the *Ensign*  
 is for the *safety* of the *Subjett* ; and happy the true  
*Subjects* and *Soldiers* of the merciful and faithful  
*Saviour*.

6. And lastly, The *Standard* and *Ensign* are  
 more especially for a *Declaration* of *War*, a *Defiance*  
 of *Enemies*, the *Conquest* of them and *Triumph* over  
 them.

*Christ* has his *Enemies*, and *Souls* have theirs.  
 His *Enemies* are *ours*, and the *Enemies* of our  
*Souls* are his. Against these the *Spirit* of the *Lord*  
 prepar'd and rais'd a victorious *Standard* in the  
*Body* of *Jesus*, our atoning *Sacrifice* ||. He tri-  
 umph'd over them on his *Cross*, spoiling *Principalities*  
 and *Powers*, and making a *shew* of them openly.  
*Satan* like *Lightning* fell from *Heaven*, the *Prince*  
 of this *World* was cast out.

We are all *listed* in this *spiritual Warfare*, and  
 must be good *Soldiers*, fighting the good *Fight*, and

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|| *Psal.* xl. 6. *Heb.* x. 5. *Col.* ii. 15. *Luke* x. 18.

resisting



resisting unto *Blood*, in striving against *Sin* \*. We had need be *strong in the Lord* and in the Power of *his Might* ; and put on the *whole Armour of God*, that we may be able to stand against the *Wiles of the Devil*. For we *wrestle* not only against *Flesh and Blood*, but against *Principalities*, against *Powers*, against the *Rulers of the Darkness* of this World, against *spiritual Wickednesses in high Places*. Strength, Armour and Courage is provided for us, to put on, prove, wear and use. “ Wherefore (as the *Holy Ghost* saith) take to you the *Armour of God*, that ye may be able to *withstand* in the evil Day. Stand therefore having your *Loyns* girt about with *Truth*, and having on the *Breast-plate of Righteousness*, and your *Feet* shod with the Preparation of the Gospel of *Peace* : Above all taking the *Shield of Faith*, the *Helmet* of Salvation and the *Sword of the Spirit*, which is the *Word of God* ; and praying *always with all Prayer and Supplication in the Spirit*. Good Armour truly for our *own Day* of *Rebuke and Blasphemy*, from the *Infidelity* of the *Enemies* of Christianity, who like *Rabshakeh* reproach the *Living God* : Eno’ to make us cry out with the mourning *Prophet*, “ My Bowels, “ my Bowels ! I am pained at my Heart ! because “ thou hast heard, O my Soul, *this Alarm* of “ War. We must heartily offer, and engage on the *Side* of Truth and Holiness. The Lord has sworn, that He will have War with *Amalec* for ever. Our *Lusts*, and their Confederates, the *World and Devil*, are this *Amalec*. The War is for *Life*, and the Lord will fight for us. More are *with us* than with them. We go forth

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2 1 Tim. i. 18. 2. ii. 3. 4. 1. vi. 12. 1. Cor. ix. 26.  
 2 Cor. x. 4. Heb. xii. 4. Eph. vi. 12.

in the Name of the *Lord of Hosts*, whom they *defy*. His *Ensign* is display'd against *Error* and *Vice*, Profaness and Impiety, our *own* and *others* Sins. *Jer. li. 25.* "Behold I am against thee, O thou that destroyest the Earth! Set ye up the Standard, blow the Trumpet, prepare the Nations, and *Babylon* shall be a Desolation.

The *Ensign* is of *various* Use in *War*: to strike the Enemy with *Terror*, to animate and inspire *Courage*, and to lead on to *Victory* and *Triumph*.

1. The *Ensign* is to terrify the Enemy. The Army in *Array* is made terrible by their flying *Colours*. They are defying and threatening *Signs*. They threaten *Death* and *Slaughter*, *Destruction* and *Desolation*. The *Flag of Christ*, from *Heaven*, is a *bloody Flag* to all his impenitent Enemies. It is the *Flag of Death*; the *second Death* is written on it in black *Capitals*; *Death spiritual and eternal! Death and Hell following it.* *Rev. vi. 8.*

We read of the *Garments of Vengeance* for *Cloathing*, which the *Redeemer* puts on, when he repays *Fury* to his *Adversaries*; and this is the *Standard* lift up against the *Enemy*, when he comes in like a *Flood*. *Isai. lix. 17, 19.* So *St. John* saw the *Heavens opened*, *Rev. xix. 11.* and behold a *white Horse*, and He that sat on it was called *Faithful and True*, and in *Righteousness* he makes *War*: His *Eyes* are as a *Flame of Fire*, and on his *Head* are many *Crowns*, and he is clothed with a *Vesture dipt in Blood*, and his *Name* is called, "The *Word of God*"; and out of his *Mouth* goeth a *sharp Sword* to smite the Nations, and He treadeth the *Winepress of the Fierceness and Wrath of Almighty God*: — and with a *loud Voice* he calls all the *Fowls of Heaven*, to eat  
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## an ENSIGN of the People. 15

*the Flesh of Kings, of Captains and of Mighty Men.*  
This is the *Ensign* to strike the *Enemy* with *Terror*.

2. The *Ensign* *inspires Courage* and *animates the Host to Battel*. The flying Colours put *Life* into the *Soldier*, and lead him on *intrepid*. It bespeaks the *Host* and says, as our *Lord* does to us, "Look  
" on me and do likewise ! Come on without  
" Fear ! Have not I commanded thee ? be strong  
" and of a good *Courage* : be not afraid or dis-  
" mayed, for the *Lord* thy *God* is with thee \*.

*Christ* can inspire *Fortitude* and *Strength*, to en-  
dure *Hardness*, to *resist* unto *Blood*, to be *steadfast*  
and *immovable*, and not draw the *Hand back* that  
stretches out the *Spear*. *Jesus* can make *Joshuas*,  
and strengthen with *all Might* in the inner-man ;  
yea out of *Weakness* he makes *Strong*. Luke x.  
19. " Behold I give unto you *Power* to tread on  
" *Serpents* and *Scorpions*, and over all the *Power*  
" of the *Enemy*. " Accordingly read the *Con-*  
*fidence* and *Defiance* of *Faith* in Him: Rom viii.  
37, 38. " Nay in all these things we are more  
" than *Conquerors* thro' Him that loved us :  
" for I am persuaded that neither *Death*, nor  
" *Life*, nor *Angels*, nor *Principalities*, nor *Powers*,  
" nor things present nor things to come, nor  
" *Height* nor *Depth*, nor any *Creature*, shall be  
" able to separate us from the *Love* of *God*,  
" which is in *Jesus Christ* our *Lord*.

3. Here then is *Victory* and *Triumph* in the *Highest*,  
to the utmost, under our conquering *Ensign*,  
CHRIST JESUS.

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\* Josh. i. 6, 7, 9. Judges vii. 17.



1. *Victory.* We have a *Standard* that can never fall. Heaven and Earth shall *pass away*, but not a tittle of his Word. *The everlasting God fainteth not, neither is weary.* A *Sampson* may faint for *Thirst*, and one of the *three mighty Men with David* smote the *Philistines* till his Hand was *weary*, and *clave* to his Sword; “*benum’d* with holding it so long and fast †; but they that war under Christ shall *renew their Strength*. He it is that *brings forth Judgment unto Victory*. He *came and overcame*, and in his *Strength* we conquer our *Selves*, the *World* and *Devil*. The *Victory* that overcomes them all is our *Faith*. *The God of Grace*, says the *Apostle*, shall *bruise Satan* under your *Feet* shortly. The *Enemy* may sometimes *roar* in the midst of the *Congregation*, and set up his *Ensign* in *Assurance* of *Victory*; he may *prevail* over a *Peter* in an *Assault*, but not in the *War*; No, *Jesus* has *pray’d* for him that his *Faith* fail not, and he *returns* to his *Colours*. Keep to your *Ensign* and you *fright* away the *Enemy*; *resist the Devil* and he shall *flee* before you. Greater is *He* that is in *you*, than he that is in the *World*. What saith the *Spirit* to the *Churches*, thro’ the *second* and *third* Chapters of the *Revelations* of *JESUS CHRIST*? He speaks of all the *Saints* as *Overcomers* and *Triumphanters*; — *To Him that overcometh will I grant* — every high *Honour* and *Glory* that our *immortal Souls* can possibly aspire after or receive.

2. On *Victory* follows *Triumph*: *Triumph* for every one that overcomes. The *Apostle* therefore gives the *Honour* and *Joy* as *common* to all;

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† Clarke on 2 Sam xxiii. 10. Isai. xl. 28. 1 John v. 4. Rom. xvi. 20. Psal. lxxiv. 4. Jam. iv. 7. 1 John iv. 4. 2 Cor.



2 Cor. ii. 14. " Now Thanks be unto God, which  
 " always causeth us to triumph in Christ. *Min-*  
*isters* triumph in the *Succeſs* of their *Ministry*, and  
 the *People* with them ; they triumph *now* toge-  
 ther, and will much more *hereafter*. When the  
*Lamb* opened the *first Seal*, *John* heard a *Voice*  
 ſaying to him, *Come and ſee !* and *behold a white*  
*Horſe*, and *He that ſat on him had a Bow*, and a  
*Crown was given him*, and he went forth conquering  
 and to conquer. The Conquerors keep the *Field*  
 with their diſplayed *Enſigns*. There is an eter-  
 nal *Triumph* before every good Soldier of *Jeſus*  
*Chriſt*. He is triumphing at the *Right Hand* of the  
 FATHER, and all his *Enemies* are made his *Footſtool*.  
 He *wills* that they alſo whom the *Father* has gi-  
 ven him, be *with Him* where He is, to *behold his*  
*Glory*. He has promis'd them a *Share* in it ; Rev.  
 iii. 21. " To him that overcometh will I grant  
 " to ſit down with me on my *Throne*, as I alſo  
 " overcame and am ſet down with my *Father* on  
 " his *Throne*.

The *Generals* among the *Romans* had *Triumphs*  
 decreed them by the *Senate*, after *Wars* and *Battles*  
 of ſingular *Renown* and Profit to the *Commonwealth*.  
 Theſe were *Speſtacles* of high *Pleasure* both to  
 Small & Great among them. The *Multitudes* tri-  
 umph'd in & with their *Generals*, rending the *Skies*  
 with their *Acclamations*. But O how poor and  
 low were theſe *Earthly Triumphs*, to thoſe of *Hea-*  
*ven*, which the *leaſt Believers* in *Chriſt* hope to  
 ſhare in ! Rev. vii. 9, 10. " And lo a great Mul-  
 " titude which no Man can number, of all Na-  
 " tions and Kindreds, People and Tongues, ſtood  
 " before the *Throne* of the *Lamb*, clothed with  
 " white *Robes* and *Palms* in their *Hands* ; and  
 " they cried with a loud *Voice*, ſaying, " Sal-  
 " vation

“vation to our God, which sitteth on the Throne,  
 “and to the Lamb” Again, hear the *Shout* of  
 Triumph on the *Dragons* Fall, Rev. xii. 10. “Now  
 “is come Salvation and Strength, the Kingdom  
 “of our God and the Power of his Christ! and  
 “they overcame by the Blood of the Lamb, and  
 “by the Word of their Testimony! Wherefore  
 “rejoice ye Heavens, and they that dwell therein.

Thus the Standard of *War* and the Banner of  
*Love* are in the End *one*. Our Saviour *subdues* us  
 to Himself, and *captivates* us by his Grace, that  
 we may *triumph* in his Love, over all his and  
 our Enemies. And thus it has been from the *Be-*  
*ginning of Revenges on the Enemy*. Jer 1 2 “De-  
 “clare ye among the Nations and publish, and  
 “set up a Standard; *Babylon* is taken, *Bel* is  
 “confounded.

And thus have we seen, in many Respects, our  
 glorious SAVIOUR *standing for an Ensign* of the  
 People.

Every *Similitude* whereby He pleases to repre-  
 sent Himself, his *Offices* and *Benefits* to us, is beau-  
 tiful and pleasant, teaching and very instructive,  
 affecting and very moving, elegant and charm-  
 ing, endearing, awful and reverend.

You will own, my *Honoured Brethren*, Professors  
 and Students in *Arms*, that this *Vision* of the *Son*  
 of *Man*, the *Lord of Glory*, which has been *passing*  
 before you, is most proper to *your Selves*, and the  
 Occasion before us. And now learn You of *Jo-*  
*shua*, the best of *Captains* under *Jesus*, and *prostrate*  
 your Selves, and worship the *Lamb of God*, to  
 Whom you have *consecrated* your *Selves* and your  
*Arms*.

*Arms.* Josh. v. 13, 14, 15. " And it came to pass  
 " when Joshua was by Jerico, that he lift up his  
 " Eyes and looked ; and behold there stood a  
 " Man over against him, with his Sword drawn  
 " in his Hand : And Joshua went to him and  
 " said, " Art thou for us, or for our Adversa-  
 " ries ? And he said, " Nay, but as Captain of  
 " the Host of the Lord am I now come. And  
 " Joshua fell on his Face to the Earth and did  
 " worship ; and said, " What saith my Lord un-  
 " to his Servant ? And the Captain of the Lords  
 " Host said to Joshua, " Loose thy Shoe from  
 " off thy Feet, for the Place whereon thou stan-  
 " dest is holy : and Joshua did so.

Imagine, if you please, my *Brethren*, your own  
*Ensign* to Day bearing before You, your *professed*  
*Devotion to the Lamb* in the midst of the *Throne*, as  
 it had been slain ; Or if you please, to the *Lion of*  
*the Tribe of Judah* : They are both *One*, and alike  
 reverend and *holy* to You ; alike formidable to  
*Sinners* and pleasurable to *Saints*.

Let CHRIST be great and good and glorious in  
 your Eyes ; the *chiefest of ten Thousands* and alto-  
 gether lovely. Be You as the *valiant of Israel* about  
 his Bed ; they all hold *Swords*, and are expert in  
*War*, every Man has his *Sword* upon his *Thigh*,  
 because of *Fear in the Night*. You watch for Christ's  
*Church*, its Preservation and Safety ; He wakes for  
 it and you. Let Faith make your *Necks* like the  
*Tower of David*, built for an *Armoury*, whereon  
 there hang a thousand *Bucklers*, all *Shields of migh-*  
*ty Men*. Cant. iii. 7, 8. Such you will become by  
 Faith in your Saviour, and Obedience to Him ; and  
 he that is feeble shall be as David, and the House of  
 David as the *Angel of God*.

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See, my Brethren, your Need of Christ, and your God your Glory. See your Danger by Distance from Him and Enmity against Him. Mourn all your Desertions from Him and Rebellions against Him. Never be it said of any One here present, "*This my Enemy that would not have Me to reign over him!*" Ever may the Lord be able to say of us, as the Centurion did to Him of the Soldiers under him, "*I say unto one, Go, and he goeth, and to another, Come, and he cometh.*" Take the Sacrament of Fidelity to your General and King; (for the Word meant at first the Oath of Soldiers to their General.) You know who it is has said, and sworn by Himself, "*Unto Me every Knee shall bow, and every Tongue shall swear! Surely shall one say, In the LORD have I Righteousness and Strength! to Him shall Men come, and all that are incensed against Him shall be ashamed; in the LORD shall all the Seed of Israel be justified and shall glory.*" Isa. xlv. 23, 24, 25.

In this Address to You, my Fellow-Soldiers in the Kingdom and Patience of Jesus Christ †, I am perswaded you will think I act as becomes my Age ||. What else were worthy of your Souls and mine! Or were any of our deceased Fathers \* to return and speak to You to Day, what else would They think worth saying to you! They that have finish'd the War, and see the Face of the Lamb, and know the Price of Souls, and of his Blood! — But Wo to all his Enemies both now

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† Meaning the whole Assembly, and not the Company in Arms only; and so in many Parts of my following Address, and sometimes the whole Body of this People, had they been within hearing.

|| In my 65th Year.

\* The finish'd Century directing my Tho'ts.



and another Day ! whom do they *fight* against, and whom do they *defy* ! under what *Ensign* do they war, and whose *Cause* do they Support ? you read — “ *The Dragon fought and his Angels ! He is your Captain and your King, if you fight against Christ. But he can never prevail, tho’ the Kings of the Earth should confederate with him, and the Rulers take Counsel together, against the Lord and his Anointed, saying, (Psal. ii. 3, 4, 5.)* “ *Let us break their Bands asunder, and cast away their Cords from us ! He that sitteth in the Heavens shall laugh, the Lord shall have them in Derision ! He shall speak to them in his Wrath, and vex ’em in his sore Displeasure ! — I have set my King upon my holy Hill of Sion.* “ *Thou art my SON, this Day have I begotten thee ! Ask of me, and I will give Thee the Heathen for thine Inheritance, and the uttermost Parts of the Earth for thy Possession.*

It must be *own’d*, with Shame and Sorrow, that little of Religion, but Abundance of Impiety, is found among the *Men of Arms*, by Land or Sea, in Camps or Navies : The SAVIOUR and his Blood is blasphemed outrageously ! Yet such vile Arms have been often us’d by the King of the Church for its Defence and Service ; for He makes even Devils to serve Him. And no wonder then to find Armies given up in the Great Day of the Lord for a Prey to Satan, or cast with Devils into the Lake of Fire and Brimstone : Rev. vi. 12, &c. “ And I be-  
 “ held when he had opened Sixth Seal, and —  
 “ the Sun became black as Sackcloth of Hair, and  
 “ the Moon became as Blood, and the Heaven  
 “ departed as a Scrowl, when it is rolled toge-  
 “ ther. — And the Kings of the Earth, and  
 “ the great Men, and the rich Men, and the chief  
 “ Captains, and the mighty Men, and every bond-

“ man and every free-man, hid themselves in the  
 “ Dens and in the Rocks of the Mountains ;  
 “ and said to the Mountains and Rocks, “ Fall  
 “ on us, and hide us from the Face of Him that  
 “ sitteth on the Throne, and from the Wrath of  
 “ the Lamb ! for the great Day of his Wrath is  
 “ come, and who shall be able to stand ?

And now *Christians*, whose *Soldiers* will you be !  
*choose* you this Day and come, *subscribe* || with  
 your Hand to the LORD ; “ *Thine are we David,*  
 “ *and on thy Side thou Son of Jesse ! Peace, Peace be*  
 “ *to all thy Helpers ! — “ Gird thy Sword upon*  
 “ *thy Thigh, O most Mighty, with thy Glory and thy*  
 “ *Majesty ; and in thy Majesty ride prosperously, be-*  
 “ *cause of Truth and Meekness and Righteousness ;*  
 “ *and thy Right Hand shall teach thee terrible things.*  
 “ *Thine Arrows are sharp in the Heart of the Kings*  
 “ *Enemies, ( to terrify, convert or slay ) either*  
 “ *way the People fall under Thee : Thy Throne, O God,*  
 “ *is for ever and ever ; the Sceptre of thy Kingdom is*  
 “ *a right Sceptre. — “ The Lord shall send the*  
 “ *Rod of thy Strength out of Zion-; rule Thou in the*  
 “ *midst of thy Enemies ! thy People shall be willing*  
 “ *in the Day of thy Power, in the Beauties of Holiness,*  
 “ *from the Womb of the Morning (from the Day of*  
 “ *Pentecost, the Dawning of the Gospel) Thou hast*  
 “ *the Dew of thy Youth ; thy early Converts, nume-*  
 “ *rous as the Dew, and gently softened by the de-*  
 “ *scending Doctrines of a Saviour, as Showers upon*  
 “ *the Grass.*

*Gentlemen in Arms, Let this be your first Character,*  
 that You are of this blessed *Company and Number.*

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|| *Isai, xlii. 5. 1 Chron. xii. 18, Psal. xlv. 3, 4. cx. 3. 4.*  
*Christ*

*Christ* has called You to be *his Soldiers*, like the trained Family of *Abraham* †, whose *Blessing* is come upon you by *Faith*, who also saw *Christ's Day* and was glad. The *Heroic Patriarch* at the Head of his small victorious Host, paid his grateful *Tythes* to this *King of Glory*, the *Lord strong and mighty*, the *Lord mighty in Battle*, the *King and Priest of the Most High God*; and He blessed *Abraham* in that *High Name*. The *King of Salem*, the *Prince of Peace*, brought forth *Bread and Wine* to the valiant *Father of the Faithful*, and blessed the *most High God* who had delivered *his Enemies* into his Hand. Just so, the *LORD* your *Banner* displays *Himself*, his *Grace and Benefits* to You and to all of us, in his *Gospel-Feast*; to whom You have there *lift up your Hands*, with your *Hearts*, that the *King of Glory* might come in. If You, my *Brethren*, in your *Places*, and under your *Colours*, are faithful to *Christ*, your *King and Country*, You also shall be *blessed of the Most High God*.

Your *Earthly Captain General* \* is here present to go before You. And I doubt not but He will gladly lead You toward a better World. I am persuaded He has chosen the *LORD* to serve Him in the Way of these *Churches*; and that many of You also have given your *Hearts* with your *Names* to *Christ* †. May you all be found *Chosen and Called and Faithful*. Such are They that truly war under the *LAMB*, who is the *Lord of Lords*, and *King of Kings*. Rev. xvii, 14.

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† I humbly hope the *Company* were never before address'd with a more cordial *Respect*, or more *seriously*.

\* *Governour BELCHER*.

‡ How then should it be tho't I mean any thing disparaging to *such* personally, in any thing hereafter said?



Your *Fathers* had the Honour to be enrolled *Soldiers on the Lord's Side* \*. They had a sure Prospect of enduring *Hardship* for His *Truths and Ways*. Like *Peter* they walk'd to Him on the *Sea*, and their Feet did not sink. To *Perils by Water* succeeded new *Dangers and Fatigues on Shore*. A *wild Desert*, and many barbarous *Salvages*, was to be subdued by their Arms. Their Zeal for Christ, whose Cause they had at Heart, animated them for the Labour and Encounter. After the manner of *Christian Men* they fought here with *Beasts* ||, in Hope of a better World, the *Heavenly*. They trusted in God, and from Time to Time had the Evidences of his Presence with them. "They got not the Land in Possession by their own Sword, neither did their own Arm save them; but thy right Hand and thy Arm, O LORD, and the Light of thy Countenance, because Thou hadst a Favour unto them. What got they in Temporals for themselves? or rather what Loss for Christ's sake did they not suffer? leaving all to follow Him! but for spiritual and eternal Gains. — What have they not left to us their Children? a most pleasant and goodly Heritage on temporal Accounts, as we must acknowledge who have seen other (and the better) Parts of the World: But above all, they fought for us, and have bequeath'd unto us, "the Heritage of those that fear God's Name! Purity of Worship and Liberty of Conscience; a valuable Portion, for the Purchase whereof they counted no Travel or Expence too much: That Kingdom of God, which is not Meat

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\* The Completion of your Century led me into the large Consideration of the Piety and Fortitude of our Fathers.

|| 2 Tim ii 3. Matth. xiv. 30. 2 Cor. xi. 26. 1 Cor xv. 32. Mark x. 28, 29. Psalm lxi. 5. cxix. 111. Rom. xiv. 17. Psalm cxi. 5, 6, 7.

and Drink, but Righteousness and Peace and Joy in the Holy Ghost. God gave 'em the Heritage of the Heathen, and Meat, being ever mindful of his Covenant, and shewed them the Power of his Works; which are all Verity and Judgment, all his Commandments are sure.

God gave 'em Valour and Conduct; for Wisdom and Strength are His. He said, and spake effectually unto them, as He had done to Joshua when he was entring Canaan, "Only be thou strong and very courageous, to observe to do according to all my Law. Josh. i. 7. They were inspired accordingly to act a brave and Christian Part, for the Law of their God and the saving Good of their Posterity.

Religion and Learning, Churches and Schools were their first Care; and for these they laid a wise and strong Foundation, while they might seem but weak and feeble for it, to propagate a well instructed and a godly Seed. They proposed nobly and great, and projected wisely the surest Means, beginning humbly and creeping alone in their Infant-State.

Only in respect of Arms they commenc'd Men at once; fought their own and the Natives Peace, did all they could to teach and win and save 'em: But when Hatred was return'd for their Love and Enmity for their offer'd Friendship, they resolutely defended themselves, and pursu'd their Invaders. God sent his Fear before them, and one as it were chas'd a Thousand. The Plague also had made Room for them, and set 'em in a large Place. This Settlement on religious Principles and Motives prosper'd, while others on worldly Motives failed.

Our

Our Founders *died in Faith*, and dead call us to Prudence, Meekness, Devotion, Courage & Love.

They pray'd and wro't and fought; plow'd and built, with their Guns and Swords by their Side, like *Nehemiah* and the *Remnant* in his Day. How ardent were they on their *Sabbaths*, how diligent and frugal all the Week long. Only their *Training-days*, and Days for *Electing* their Civil Rulers, were those of their *Show and Pride*. Then they took State upon 'em, and made an *Appearance*; to express their *Thankfulness* to God their *Trust*, and to inspire their Sons with *Reverence of God and Government*, and with a *Zeal to maintain* and preserve what They had so worthily *acquir'd* for them, by the *Blessing of God*. Just as *Moses* and *Joshua* did, for their *Learning*, in the *Minority of Israel*.

ORDER was their Aim. This was *sacred* to 'em, as it is thro' the *Creation of God*. A just *Rule and Liberty* they sought, in *State*, in *Church*, in *Families* and *Schools*. They put great *Honour* on their *Officers*, who were ambitious to *deserve* their *Titles* and command *Respect*. A *Corporal* look'd as great as a *Captain* now, and set more by his *Office*, being much set by. This was not *Vanity* but true *Wisdom*; for by their looking great, and acting so, we soon grew great among the *Provinces*. *Governours* shone with their *hundred a Year*, and none durst despise them. The *Majors* were then *Colonels*, and the *Captains* were more than *Roman Centurions*, without any of their *Usurpation* or *Ostentation*.

See your *Original*, our present *Honoured Commanders*, and write *fair* after your *Copy*. Look to the *Rock* from whence you were *digged*, and read these things *graven* on it as with the *Point*  
of



of a Diamond. They are not worn out to this Day, tho' more than a hundred Years past. Remember the Days of old, the Years of ancient Times, when the Most High divided to You your present Inheritances and Honours.

This Day is your Jubilee, Gentlemen of the Artillery, your second Jubilee; for You are a hundred Years old. Where is your Jubilee-Trumpet, the Thunder of the Captains and the Shouting! "God is gone up with a Shout (the LORD GOD of your Fathers) sing Praises to Him, sing Praises; and do it with Understanding: the Shields of the Earth belong to God, He is greatly exalted.

You tell me that your compleat Age this Day has partly led you to apply to me. I would not damp your Joy of coming at Age, by looking back with Tears, as the Fathers at Jerusalem, did on our first Love, Virtue and Fortitude. We are risen up in our Fathers stead an Inferiour Generation, except in Numbers, or at least in Proportion to our Numbers, as in respect of Religion, so also of Arms.

Our Scarlet and Crimson \* can boast no proved

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\* A very proper Dress for Officers and others in the Militia, in my Eye; for I think Soldiers should array themselves in a distinguishing Habit on their Days of Training, if they can well afford it; and so far as I can remember, or have been informed, our Fathers did so: so that I could not mean any Reflection on the present Dress of the Gentlemen in Arms, as some have been ready to take the Words. And as to the present Expence, I know not whether it be much more than our Fathers Buff and Ribbands were in their Day. And if it be, I suppose the present Officers and Soldiers have as good Estates to bear it, and many of them much greater; tho' the Land is poor and in Distress thro' want of a Medium for Trade.

Valour

*Valour* || equal to their *hardy Buff*. Our Children it may be would be frighted to see the *Dress* and *Aspect* of one of their *Great Grandfathers* on such a Day as *this*. They put on *Courage* and it clothed them, and they took on 'em an *Authority*, which together with their *Righteousness* was their *Crown* and *Diadem*. The *Captains* aw'd their *Families* and *Neighbours* † by their *Gravity* and *Piety*, as

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|| This also can by no means intend any *Reflection* on the *Valour* of the present *Officers* or *Soldiers*, because the *divine Providence* has not made our Day a *Time of War*; and so has not call'd us, as it did our *Fathers*, to jeopard our *Lives* in the *Fields* of the *Wood*, or rather in the *Thickets* and *Swamps* of it.

If there were now the like *Lurkings* of the bloody *Salvages* about our *Villages*, or the like *breaking in* and *carrying forth* on our *Borders*, as were in our *Fathers Days* and in some of our *own Times*; I doubt not but there would be found *Those* of the present *Generation*, who by the *Help* of *God*, and in his *Fear*, would seek the *Enemy* in their *hiding-places*, as in the *Close* of the *late War* many did with great *Boldness* and *Success*; and their *Praise* has been in our *Pulpits* and from our *Prefs*.

Nor ought I to omit the proved *Valour* of *Captain Lyman*, with two or three more *Volunteers* in his *Youth*, who penetrated far into our *Woods* to seek out the *Enemy*; and by cutting off a single *Family* (as I am told) they struck such a *Terror* into a *Clan* who were advantageously *posting* themselves for a *ready* and *easy Descent* upon our several *Provinces*, by our three grand *Rivers*; that finding the *English* had got so nigh to the fine *Interval Land* they had chosen, they were *intimidated* and *hasted away*. Such *Attempts* may look *small* to some, and be little remembred by most with *Thankfulness* to *God*, and to the just *Honour* of the *Persons* that serve under *his Influence*; but who can tell the *Favour* of *God* and *Benefit* to a *Country* by them?

† As also it must be acknowledg'd, to the *Glory* of *God*, that not a few of our present *Commanders* do at this *Day*; being bright *Examples* of *Virtue* and *Devotion*, *Generosity*, *Gravity* and *Wisdom*, and justly esteem'd by all that know them.

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well as frightened their *Enemies* by their Boldness and Fierceness. The *Natives* trembled when they saw them train, and old as well as young stood still and reverenc'd 'em, as they pass'd along in *Martial Order*. A valiant *Church*\* could jump down a kind of Precipice, amidst a Score or two of *Counsellors* & Attendants about their *Sachem*, meditating *War* upon us, and take him away, to answer to our Governour. *Fuit, fuit ista quondam in hac Republica Virtus, ut Viri fortes* — —.

And very precious is the *Promise* in the Book of God, “*Instead of the Fathers shall be the Children, whom thou mayest make Princes in all the Earth.* Psal. xlv. 16. I thank God that we have seen, and still see, many of the *Sons of New-England* shining in the *Virtues*, filling well the *Places*, and adorning the *Names* of their Ancestors.

Such was our late Honourable Agent QUINCY, at the Head of his *Regiment*, in his Seat at the *Council Board*, and on the *Bench* of Judgment. Gentlemen of the *Artillery*, You will give me leave to mourn before you the lamented *Death* of such a *Captain*. He was an *Honour* to his *Commission*, lov'd and fear'd by all under him. — We read of the *Meekness of Wisdom*; This he had, and also the *Mildness of Courage*. May our *Country* ever be blessed with Men of like *Modesty*, *Constancy* and *Fortitude*. All he did was from *Conscience* toward God, and in his *Fear*. Had he lived in the *Days* of our *Fathers*, I truly think he would have been esteem'd a very perfect *Pattern* by them. There was a *Treasure* of *Piety*, *Prudence* and *Integrity*

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\* Afterward Col. *Church of Little-Compton.*



in that *Earthen Vessel* ; and such Men should be priz'd while they live, and mourn'd when they die ; as no small Part of the *peculiar Treasure of the Provinces*.

The *Residue* of the Spirit is with God ; and down to our Days he takes of the Spirit that was on *Moses*, and puts it on *Rulers* here and there ; and also *Joshua's* Spirit on *Commanders* in Chief and Subordinate. God has many a *David* in store for his Church, in Times long to come, to serve their own Generation, after his own Heart, in Integrity and Uprightness: And then how easy is it for them to fall asleep, and be gathered to their Fathers ? Acts xiii. 36.

But should an *Angel* of the Lord now appear to such a One yet alive among us, finding him we will suppose in his *Threshing-floor* or by his *Cyder-press* ||, and salute him, saying, " The LORD is with thee, thou Man of Valour ! would he not be ready to answer in *Gideon's* Words, " O my Lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is it thus ? why are Things with us as they are ? and where be all the Tokens of his Presence among us, as in the Days of our Fathers ? what is become of that generous noble public Spirit of Piety and Prudence, Gravity and Authority, Courage and Command, † Subjection and Obedience, Reverence of God and Government, Temperance and Frugality, Godliness and Honesty, which our Fathers were famous for ? — The LORD look on every One disposed to speak after this Manner, and say unto Them that

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|| Or in his *Store-house* or *Shop*.

† All Orders and Degrees are you see put together, and the lowest taken in.

spiriting Word, Judges vi. 14. *Go thou, in this thy Might, and help to save my People out of their present Weakness and Feebleness, Folly and Impoverishment, the Poverty that is come upon them as an armed Men.*

Do we ask, what has bro't on us this Want, as one that travelleth? Prov. vi. 11, It is easy to answer, — Our Wordliness, and Pride, Sensuality, Vain-glory, Fineries and profuse Expence in Dress and Furniture; which have naturally led into Unrighteousness and Dishonesty: These have bro't us low, and will bring us lower if not amended, and lay our Honour in the Dust.

Neither the Christian, nor the Roman Spirit can subsist long under our profuse Expences, in the Furniture of our Houses, the rich Dresses of our Families, our Silks and China and empty Pockets ||.

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|| I think it is as plain as the Light, to them that will not shut their Eyes thro' Prejudice of Vanity or Gain, that our living beyond our selves in rich Attire and Equipage, within Doors and without, has bro't us into our Debts to our Mother-Country, and hereby into those Straits and Difficulties, for want of a Silver Currency, and by Reason of the depreciating the Bills of our Provinces, which every Body complains of, and none can tell how to remedy. There is in my Opinion but one possible Cure, and that is (as a People) to repent of and reform our Expences and Extravagances.

But can any one think this Censure of our Silks and China, with Want of Money, meant to the Gentlemen of the Militia in particular, because this public Occasion was taken to mention the common Calamity upon us, upon the comparing our Day and State with that of our Fathers? By no means. The Complaint has no Relation to the Soldiery in particular, unless you would run it in the wise Comparison

Within another *Century*, our present *Way* continuing, to what are our *Numbers* like to be reduced? as those in our *Books* to a *Multitude* of *Noughts*, which we call so many *hundreds* and *thousands*; so the *Numbers* of our *People* to a *Multitude* of *Debtors* and *Starvelings*, the *Property* of *Them* who now feed our insatiable *Vanity*, to whom we are selling our *Families* as fast as we can for a little *Dress*.

Where then is our *Courage*, or rather where our *Shame*? can we bear this? then fold up your *Ensign*, and hush your *Drum*, put off your *Scarlet*, and lay down your *Arms*; and let me leave the *Desk*, with that *first of Lamentations* over *Judah*, when she had destroy'd her self; "*She that was Princess among the Provinces, how is she become tributary?*"

But let us recover our *Arms*: CHRIST our *King* and *Captain* lives! Of Him it is testified, that He *liveth*. He can *humble* and reform us; respirit, revive and restore us. Of his *Fulness* we may receive, and *Grace for Grace*. Whatsoever we ask of the *Father* in his Name, He will do it. One *Day* is with Him as a *thousand Years*, and a thousand

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rison of *Solomon*, "*Thy Want as an armed Man*; i. e. "*unexpected, irresistible and most destructive*. --- I tho't the *Silks* and *China* were the *Gentlewomen's* ware, and I know a great deal of this faulty *Indulgence* in their *Families* who never *train'd* in their *Lives*, and next to *nothing* of it in theirs who were in *Arms* before me. It should grieve us however, to see we can't bear to have our *Sore* touch'd, when it *pains* us so much and is ready to *break*, and the kindest thing any one can do is to *lance* and open it. --- I acknowledge however the *Omission* of two *Lines*, which were not so properly plac'd in the *Discourse*, and so might be liable to some *Exception*.

Years



Years as *one Day*, Our *Centuries* pass quick, and how *Sovereign* is the Rise and Fall of Families, Cities, Provinces and Kingdoms in every *Century* almost! but *Thou art the same, and thy Years shall not fail.* Heb. i. 12.

One *Generation* goes and another comes, but the *Word of the Lord endureth for ever*; the same to every *Generation*. This *Word* which by the *Gospel* is preached to us, was also to our *Fathers*, and received by Them with Love, Fear and Reverence. The *LORD* has commanded it to a *thousand Generations*. We will not *hide* it from our Children, but *show* to the *Generations* to come the *Praises* of the *LORD* and his *Strength*.

Know therefore, that the *Lord thy God*, He is *God*; the *faithful God*, which *keepeth Covenant and Mercy with them that love Him, to a thousand Generations*; and *repayeth them that hate Him to their Face, to destroy them*. He is the *Lord our God*, his *Judgments* are in all the *Earth*. *Seek the Lord and his Strength, seek his Face evermore*; glory ye in his *holy Name*. *Return unto Me, saith the Lord, and I will return unto you*. Let our *Souls answer*, with the lamenting *Church*, "*Turn thou us and we shall be turned; renew our Days as of old*". Wilt thou not *revive* us again, that thy *People* may *rejoice in Thee*! shew us thy *Mercy*, O *Lord*, and grant us thy *Salvation*.

If *CHRIST* in the *Cloud of Glory* will cover our *Camp*, and dwell in our *Churches*, we shall yet be *safe and flourishing*. But else in vain is *Salvation* hoped for from the *Hills & Mountains*. Worthy is the *LAMB* to receive *Power and Riches, and Wisdom and Strength, and Honour and Glory & Blessing*! *JESUS* has sent his *Angel* to *testify* of Him in his *Churches*; *HE* is the *Root and Offspring of David*, and the *bright and Morning Star*.

